



Searches at the Tevatron

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Results of searches performed by CDF and D0 are presented. Most of the results are based on data taken during the 1994-95 data taking period (Run I), but some preliminary results from the current data taking period (Run II) are included.

1. Introduction

Run II of the Tevatron accelerator began in Spring 2001. The D0 and CDF experiments are currently recording collisions at a center-of-mass energy \sqrt{s} of 1.96 GeV, an increase of $\sim 10\%$ with respect to the Run I center-of-mass energy. Both D0 and CDF have undergone substantial upgrades since the end of Run I and both have begun to present preliminary results based on Run II data. Both experiments have also continued to work on new analyses based on the Run I data.

2. Searches for new gauge bosons

CDF has previously looked for W' in the decay $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$ [1]. A new Run I analysis [2] looks for the decay $W' \rightarrow tb$, providing sensitivity in the case that the decay to leptons is suppressed. The analysis requires transverse energy $E_T > 20$ GeV, an electron (muon) with $E_T > 20$ GeV ($p_T > 20$ GeV/c) and 2 or 3 jets (j) with $E_T > 15$ GeV, where one of the jets has a high probability of coming from a b-quark. The $\ell\nu jj$ invariant mass, shown in Fig. 1, is formed by fixing the $\ell\nu$ mass to the mass of the W . No excess over the background expectation is seen in this distribution, and the W' mass $M_{W'}$ is excluded in the region $225 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{W'} < 536$ (566) GeV/c^2 for $M_{W'} \gg M_{\nu_R}$ ($M_{W'} < M_{\nu_R}$). The D0 experiment has looked for W' using the dijet final state and has excluded the region $400 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{W'} < 625 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ [3].

CDF has looked for Z' production in the Drell-

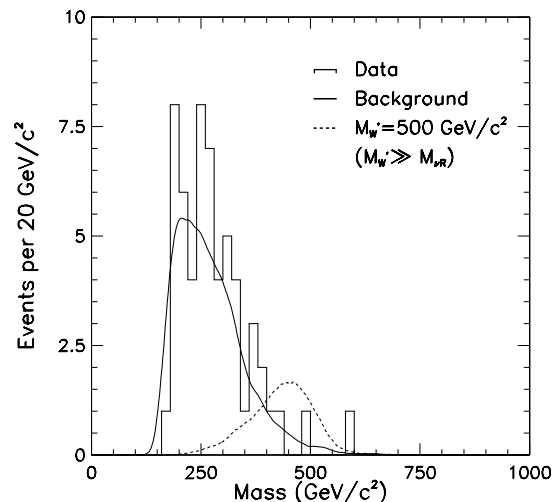


Figure 1. The $\ell\nu jj$ invariant mass distribution for the CDF $W' \rightarrow tb$ analysis. The histogram shows the data, the solid line the background expectation and the dashed line the expectation for a W' with a mass of $500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

Yan channel [4]. The Run I analysis requires two isolated, high E_T (p_T) oppositely charged electrons (muons) and has set a lower limit on the Z' mass of $690 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. At Run IIa (the first $\sim 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of Run II data), Z' masses up to $1000 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ will be probed [5].

3. Searches for compositeness and technicolor

The Drell-Yan final state has also been used to search for other types of new physics. A limit on the mass of color singlet technirhos (ρ_{T1}) and technimegas (ω_{T1}) of 207 GeV/ c^2 has been set by D0 at Run I using the e^+e^- final state [6]. At Run IIa this search should be sensitive up to 410 GeV/ c^2 [7]. D0 has also used this final state to set a lower limit on the quark-lepton compositeness scale of $\Lambda^- > 4.2$ ($\Lambda^+ > 3.3$) TeV assuming that the contact interaction and the Standard Model Lagrangian interact constructively (destructively) [8]. The corresponding reach at Run IIa is $\Lambda^- > 10$ ($\Lambda^+ > 6.5$) TeV [9].

D0 has searched for quark compositeness using the dijet final state. Limits of $\Lambda^- > 2.4$ ($\Lambda^+ > 2.7$) TeV have been set with the Run I data [10]. The same final state has been used by D0 to set a lower limit of 775 GeV/ c^2 on the mass of excited quarks [3]. The Run IIa reach for this search is 940 GeV/ c^2 [11].

Additional searches for technicolor have been performed in a variety of final states at Run I. CDF has searched for ρ_{T1} in the decay $\rho_{T1} \rightarrow W\pi_{T1} \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ [12]. The ρ_{T1} mass $M_{\rho_{T1}}$ has been excluded in the region $170 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\rho_{T1}} < 200 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, assuming that the π_{T1} mass $M_{\pi_{T1}}$ is equal to about one-half of $M_{\rho_{T1}}$. At Run IIa CDF will probe the region $160 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\rho_{T1}} < 240 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ [7]. CDF has searched for ω_{T1} in the decay $\omega_{T1} \rightarrow \gamma\pi_{T1} \rightarrow \gamma b\bar{b}$ [13]. The ω_{T1} mass $M_{\omega_{T1}}$ has been excluded in the region $240 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\omega_{T1}} < 310 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ for $M_{\pi_{T1}} = 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, and $140 \text{ GeV}/c^2 < M_{\omega_{T1}} < 290 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ has been excluded for $M_{\pi_{T1}} = 60 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. CDF has also searched for color octet technirhos (ρ_{T8}) in the decay $\rho_{T8} \rightarrow \pi_{LQ}\pi_{LQ} \rightarrow b\nu b\nu$ [14]. A limit on the ρ_{T8} mass $M_{\rho_{T8}}$ of $M_{\rho_{T8}} > 600 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ has been set. At Run IIa CDF will be sensitive to values of $M_{\rho_{T8}}$ up to 850 GeV/ c^2 [15].

CDF has searched for particles decaying to a $t\bar{t}$ final state [16]; this would be the favored decay mode of a leptophobic Z' found in certain models of topcolor [17]. The analysis of Run I data looked for $t\bar{t}$ events with one decay $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu$ and

another decay $t \rightarrow bqq'$. A fit was performed for each event to get the mass of the $t\bar{t}$ system, $M_{t\bar{t}}$. The distribution of $M_{t\bar{t}}$ was found to be consistent with the background expectation, and a lower limit on the leptophobic Z' mass $M_{Z'}$ of 780 (480) GeV/ c^2 was set for a natural width $\Gamma_{Z'}$ of $0.04M_{Z'}$ ($0.012M_{Z'}$). At Run IIa CDF will be sensitive to leptophobic Z' masses up to 1100 GeV/ c^2 for $\Gamma_{Z'} = 0.04M_{Z'}$ [15].

4. Search for heavy, long-lived charged particles

A search for CHAMPS, heavy charged particles long-lived enough to leave the detector, has been performed by CDF at Run I [18]. The analysis looks for high p_T charged particles with a large ionization energy loss. No evidence of a signal was found and a lower limit of 220 (190) GeV/ c^2 has been set on the CHAMP mass in the context of a long-lived up (down)-type 4th generation quark. CDF is also developing an analysis [19] for Run II which will use the new time-of-flight (TOF) detector installed during the upgrade. The analysis requires a high p_T charged particle with a large time-of-flight. A total of 2.2 ± 0.8 events from background sources are expected in the $16.5 \pm 1.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of Run II data that have been analyzed thus far.

5. Final states with photons

CDF has searched for new physics in the Run I diphoton sample [20]. Two isolated photons, each with $E_T > 22 \text{ GeV}$, are required in the analysis. The main background comes from jets which fake photons. No evidence for new physics was found in this sample. A subset of this sample was used to search for a Higgs which is produced in association with a W or Z and which decays to two photons [20]. Events with a W or Z are selected by asking for an electron (muon) with $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ($p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$), or for missing $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, or for two jets with $E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$ that form an invariant mass between 40 and 130 GeV/ c^2 . No excess above the Standard Model expectation is found in the resulting sample and a lower limit on the mass of a bosophilic Higgs of 82 GeV/ c^2

is set.

CDF has also performed a model independent search for new physics with photons in the final state [21]. Several final states were defined, based on the presence of leptons, photons, and missing E_T . One such final state is defined by the presence of a photon with $E_T > 25$ GeV, an electron (muon) with $E_T > 25$ GeV ($p_T > 25$ GeV/ c), missing $E_T > 25$ GeV, and an azimuthal angle between the photon and lepton which is less than 150° . Most of the events which produce this final state are expected to come from $(W/Z)\gamma$ production or from events with a real lepton and a jet which fakes a photon. A total of 7.6 ± 0.7 events are expected in the Run I data while 16 events are observed.

6. Search for large extra dimensions

In theories of large extra dimensions [22], gravitons may be detected at energies currently accessible by the Tevatron experiments. Searches by D0 and CDF can be divided into two categories: searches in the diphoton or dilepton final state for evidence of graviton exchange and searches in final states with large missing E_T for direct graviton production.

In graviton exchange diagrams a virtual graviton is produced which couples to a $\gamma\gamma$ or $\ell^+\ell^-$ final state. D0 has combined their Run I diphoton and dielectron samples and performed a search [23] by requiring two electromagnetic objects with $E_T > 45$ GeV. In addition, the missing E_T is required to be less than 25 GeV. The main backgrounds in this search come from Drell-Yan and $\gamma\gamma$ processes, as well as events in which two jets fake a photon or electron. The analysis looks at the angular distributions of the electromagnetic objects as well as their invariant mass. No deviation from the Standard Model expectation is observed, and a lower limit on the effective Planck scale of $M_S > 1.1$ (1.0) TeV is set in the Hewett convention [24], assuming constructive (destructive) interference between the Kaluza-Klein and Standard Model contributions.

In direct graviton production the graviton escapes the detector, producing missing E_T . A gluon or a photon can also be produced in the

event. D0 has performed a search at Run I for the graviton-gluon final state [25]. The analysis looks for events that have a single jet with $E_T > 150$ GeV, missing $E_T > 150$ GeV, and no other jets with $E_T > 50$ GeV. The main backgrounds come from the processes $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} + \text{jets}$, $W \rightarrow \tau\nu + \text{jets}$, and from QCD and cosmic rays. A total of 38.0 ± 9.6 events are expected from background processes, while 38 are actually observed. The lack of observation of a signal leads to a limit of $M_S > 886$ (617) GeV for 2 (7) large extra dimensions.

CDF has searched for direct graviton production at Run I in the graviton-photon final state [26]. The analysis looks for events that have a photon with $E_T > 55$ GeV, missing $E_T > 45$ GeV, and no jets with $E_T > 15$ GeV in the event. The main backgrounds come from $Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$ and from cosmic rays. A total of 11.0 ± 2.2 events are expected from the background sources, and 11 events are actually observed. Again, no signal is observed and a limit of $M_S > 549$ (602) GeV is set for 4 (8) large extra dimensions.

D0 has also performed a search for graviton exchange using $9.85 \pm 0.38 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of data from Run II [27]. Two electromagnetic objects with $E_T > 25$ GeV are required in the analysis. The missing E_T is required to be less than 30 GeV. No evidence of a signal is seen, and a limit of $M_S > 0.82$ TeV is set in the Hewett convention, assuming constructive interference between the Kaluza-Klein and Standard Model contributions. More data needs to be analyzed in order to improve on the Run I result.

7. Leptoquark search at Run II

D0 has looked for first generation leptoquark pair production in the Run II data [27]. Each leptoquark would decay to an electron and a quark; D0 looks for this final state by requiring two electromagnetic clusters with $E_T > 25$ GeV and at least two jets with $E_T > 20$ GeV. The jets are required to not form an invariant mass near that of the Z . The main backgrounds to this search come from Drell-Yan production and from jets faking electrons. Fig. 2 shows the scalar sum of

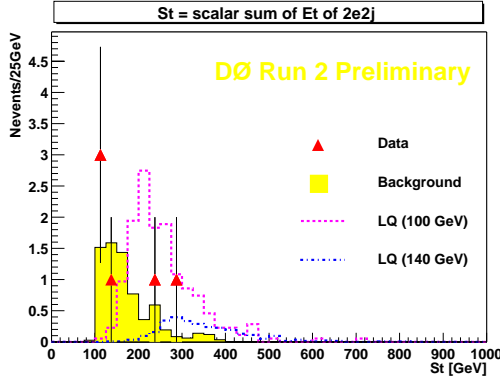


Figure 2. Scalar sum of the two electromagnetic clusters and the two highest E_T jets. The solid histogram is the Standard Model expectation, the points are data and the dashed (dashed-dotted) lines show the expectation for a leptoquark mass of 100 (140) GeV/c^2 .

the two electromagnetic clusters and the 2 highest E_T jets. No evidence of a signal was seen in the $8.0 \pm 0.8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of Run II data that was analyzed, leading to a lower limit on the leptoquark mass of $113 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. More data needs to be analyzed in order to improve on the Run I result [28].

8. Conclusion

In recent years the D0 and CDF experiments have continued to perform searches for new physics using the Run I data. Run II is now underway and preliminary search results are starting to appear. The next few years promise to be a very exciting time for D0 and CDF as both experiments continue to search the Run II data for hints of new physics.

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